

Nathan Hale High School
Rhythm Section Audition Packet
2019-20

When: Sunday, June 9th
Time: 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Where: NHHS Band Room

Prepare before:

- Questionnaire attached
- Required Excerpt

To be expected in the Audition:

- Brief sight reading example
- Comping and then soloing over Bessie Blues and Blue Bossa
- Required excerpt. Drummers will play with recording of Basie Straight Ahead
- Major Scale, random selection. Drummer will demonstrate various styles: Medium Swing, 12/8, Bossa, Samba, Rock and Funk.

Please also keep in mind that this audition is DESIGNED to be challenging so that I can assess your skills. NO ONE will be great at everything, however, it will give me a gooddgr idea on what you can do! It is ok to be nervous, but try to attempt everything! If you need further clarification, just ask!

Questionnaire

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Grade: _____

E-mail: _____ Birthday: _____ Age: _____

Years of Playing: _____ Usual Play Style (jazz/pop/classical/folk): _____

A word that describes you (For example: Extroverted, quiet/shy, studious, adventurous, playful, etc.): _____

Do you play any other instruments? (Circle): Yes No If so, what? _____

Sing/play in any outside of school programs? (Circle): Yes No If so, what? _____

Have you ever taken lessons? (Circle): Yes No Interested? (Circle): Yes No

Do you work? (Will NOT affect eligibility) (Circle): Yes No If so, where? _____

What are some of your musical strengths? (For example, play technique, good ear, sense of time, good tone quality, reading music, composing or arranging music, creativity, etc.):

Name 3 of your favorite, players, or arrangers/artists:

What is your big picture GOAL in music at NHHS:

Circle that which best describes your style of learning:

- A visual learner (need to see things)
- A cognitive learner (need to think and understand things)
- A kinesthetic learner (need to feel it in my voice or my fingers)
- An aural learner (need to hear it)

Circle which of the following styles of practice habits best applies to you (be honest!):

- I'm diligent in my practice, setting goals, and meeting them
- I try to be on top of things, but slip sometimes
- It's sometimes tough to stay motivated
- I need help understanding proper practice
- I am so busy and life can be so distracting, it's often tough to practice at all
- What do you mean by, "practice?"

Is there anything else you would like to mention?